



RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE AGENDA
RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 3, 2003

- CALL TO ORDER
- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

MINUTES:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN WEEKLY and COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF

Also Present: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, CITY CLERK BARBARA JO RONEMUS, and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA S. PORTILLO-BRENNER

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE – meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

Court Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall

City Hall Plaza, Posting Board

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Senior Citizens Center, 450 E. Bonanza Road

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy

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AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 3, 2003**

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

ABEYANCE ITEM - Bill No. 2003-77 – Amends childcare facility and personnel licensing provisions, and increases the membership of the City Child Care Licensing Board. Proposed by: Mark Vincent, Director of Finance and Business Services

Fiscal Impact☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:**☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

This bill provides that the Child Care Licensing Board (Board) shall have the same number of members as the City Council, with each member of the City Council to appoint one member to the Board subject to Council approval. Final approval authority of child care facility licensees and directors will vest with the Board, with the right of appeal to the City Council being granted to current and prospective licensees. Emergency authority to suspend the licenses of child care facility licensees and approvals of directors will be vested with the Department of Finance and Business Services. Increases in the licensing fees for child care facilities are also being proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

ABEYANCE to 11/3/2003 Recommending Committee meeting pursuant to the 10/13/2003 Recommending Committee.

First Reading – 9/17/2003; First Publication – N/A

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-77

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-77 be forwarded to the Full Council as a First Amendment with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

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City Attorney

Item 1 – Bill No. 2003-77

MINUTES – Continued:

JIM DiFIORE, Manager, Business Services, stated that he met with CLAY STRINGHAM, Director of Development, Challenge Schools, and they have resolved some of their issues. The primary concern was regarding the definition of a pre-school, which in his school operation it goes beyond what the City proposed. An amendment was made to indicate that a pre-school operation be limited to four hours but could have longer hours, as long as recess and breaks are given, and the children are not in a classroom structure.

The other concern was the components of the board. The expansion had limited the board members to two from the childcare industry, but it did not guarantee that at least one member would be part of the childcare industry. The language has been changed to indicate that one member must but not more than two may be members of the childcare industry on the Childcare Licensing Board.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY asked how the members to the childcare licensing board are selected. MR. DiFIORE answered that the bill expands the membership to include representation from Wards 5 and 6. There is currently a member on the board representing the childcare industry. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY then asked how staff insures that the members do not have a conflict of interest. MR. DiFIORE replied that the Council can interview the candidates and discuss with them their commitment to the board.

MR. STRINGHAM expressed his appreciation to MR. DiFIORE and his staff for all the time they devoted to make sure his concerns were addressed and clarified. He believes that amendments will be very beneficial to the City, the students, and the industry.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY confirmed with MR. DiFIORE that childcare providers will be made aware of the amendments. A copy of the amended bill will be sent to all the childcare licensees.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

(4:07 – 4:12)

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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CONSENT

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-83 – Adopts the 2003 Editions of the International Building Code and the International Residential Code, together with amendments thereto. Proposed by: Paul K. Wilkins, Director of Building and Safety

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

For many years the City has used the Uniform Building Code, together with local amendments, as the City's Building Code. The Uniform Building Code has been replaced by the International Building Code and International Residential Code, now in their 2003 editions. This bill will adopt those Codes, together with amendments, as the City's Building Code.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing, and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-83

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-83 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

PAUL WILKINS, Director, Building & Safety, advised that he and his staff have been working with the industry for more than three years on this bill, which includes the latest in technology codes. He requested approval.

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City Attorney

Item 2 – Bill No. 2003-83

MINUTES – Continued:

JIM STROW, American Institute of Architects (AIA) of Las Vegas, which represents about 90% of the architectural firms in the Valley, indicated that AIA endorses the adoption of this bill, as well as the process MR. WILKINS underwent to obtain a local consensus.

BARRY DUNCAN, Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association, fully supported the amendments. However, there is an issue that came up late in the process that he would like MR. WILKINS to address with the industry and possibly draft another amendment. MR. DUNCAN submitted a copy of a page from the 1997 Uniform Building Code with a highlighted paragraph containing the issue he would like addressed in a separate forum with MR. WILKINS. He mentioned that MR. WILKINS and his staff have done an excellent job throughout this process. MR. WILKINS indicated that he has not seen the document MR. DUNCAN submitted.

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF directed MR. WILKINS to meet with MR. DUNCAN regarding his request for an amendment.

MATT HUDSON, representing Pulte Homes, and RICK LOLLY, KB Homes, fully supported this bill.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY expressed his appreciation to MR. WILKINS and the members of the industry for taking the time to attend the meeting and express their support.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

(4:12 – 4:17)

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-84 – Amends the City’s version of the Uniform Administrative Code to adapt it to the City’s adoption of the International Building Code and International Residential Code as the City’s Building Code. Proposed by: Paul K. Wilkins, Director of Building and Safety

Fiscal Impact☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:**☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

In a companion bill, it is proposed that the City adopt the 2003 editions of the International Building Code and International Residential Code as the City’s Building Code. The City’s Administrative Code includes the administrative provisions that correspond to the Building Code, so this bill will amend the City’s Administrative Code to correspond to the adoption of the International Codes.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing, and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-84

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-84 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

PAUL WILKINS, Director, Building & Safety, stated that this bill is in order. It adopts the Administrative Code. He recommended approval. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED pointed out that the tables at the beginning of the document should be moved to the end.

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City Attorney

Item 3 – Bill No. 2003-84

MINUTES – Continued:

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

(4:17 – 4:18)

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-85 – Adjusts the building height, lot coverage, and on-site parking requirements and limitations applicable to senior citizen apartments, and adjusts the lot coverage limitations applicable to certain mixed-use developments that include a residential component. Proposed by: Robert S. Genzer, Director of Planning and Development

Fiscal Impact☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:**☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Senior citizen apartments and similar residential uses that have the potential to form part of mixed-use developments have faced certain development difficulties relating to building height, lot coverage and on-site parking. This bill will adjust those restrictions so as to encourage and facilitate these types of development.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing, and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-85

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-85 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

MARGO WHEELER, Deputy Director, Planning and Development, indicated that this item resulted from several senior housing projects in the City. Most city codes contain a separate standard for senior citizen housing, especially with regarding to density and parking. The density is higher and parking is less. This code amendment brings the City's code up to standards on this matter. Staff reviewed this matter thoroughly and believes that it is appropriate.

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CITY ATTORNEY
Item 4 – Bill No. 2003-85

MINUTES – Continued:

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

(4:18 – 4:19)

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-86 – Makes minor corrections to the maps that depict the boundaries of the downtown area as described in the Downtown Las Vegas Centennial Plan, the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan, and the Downtown Overlay District. Proposed by: Robert S. Genzer, Director of Planning and Development

Fiscal Impact☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:**☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

A number of maps that were adopted as part of the City's Downtown Las Vegas Centennial Plan, Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan, and Downtown Overlay District vary slightly from the descriptions of the boundaries that were approved for those areas and that were intended to be represented by the maps. This bill will amend the various maps to conform them to the boundaries that were intended to be reflected in the maps.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing, and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-86

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-86 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

MARGO WHEELER, Deputy Director, Planning and Development, advised that the Downtown Centennial Plan was adopted in 2000 and contains maps depicting the boundaries. However, in Section B-4, regarding the definition of downtown districts, staff determined that the text outlines the boundaries somewhat different than the map. This bill adopts the more specific and more restrictive language of the actual text and matching the maps match that text.

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City Attorney

Item 5 – Bill No. 2003-86

MINUTES - Continued:

AL GALLEGGO, citizen of Las Vegas, complained that the City maps do not include the area of the City north of the freeway. This area should be included, because it includes the library, the museum, the Mormon Fort, and the Sawyer building.

MS. WHEELER indicated that the recently completed Downtown North Plan addresses the downtown north area. This bill only makes the 2000 text and maps match. It is not a new plan and simply corrects an error.

MR. GALLEGGO persisted that the City forgets about the northern area of the City. He wants to see some of the federal monies earmarked toward the improvement of this area. He is already hearing rumors from developers that Cashman Field is for sale.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

(4:19 – 4:23)

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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CONSENT

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-87 – Requires all massage therapists and independent massage therapists to have their business licenses on their persons while performing massages, and changes the qualifying criteria for such licensing. Proposed by Mark Vincent, Director of Finance and Business Services

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill will enhance City code enforcement efforts, by requiring that all massage therapists and independent massage therapists have their business licenses on their persons while performing massages. Additionally, this bill repeals the requirement for a certificate of graduation from a recognized school of massage as a requirement of licensing and instead requires that a person be certified by a recognized certifying agency as proficient in massage or that he or she has a current license with Clark County in order to be licensed.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing, and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-87

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-87 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

JIM DiFIORE, Manager, Business Services, reported that this bill will address an issue of redundancy currently in the City Code with regard certificate of graduation with a recognized school of massage. As required, all massage therapists must obtain national certification. During

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City Attorney

Item 6 – Bill No. 2003-87

MINUTES – Continued:

the process of compliance with national certification, the National Certification Board from Virginia does a background check on the schools and determines whether they are qualified. Staff feels that the National Certification Board should be allowed to address the issue of the qualifications of the schools and not the City.

This bill also amends the code to allow the City to print ID cards for massage therapists instead of having to carry their certificates. COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF concurred with this amendment.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

(4:23 – 4:26)

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AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 3, 2003**

DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES**DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-88 - Interim warrant ordinance providing for the issuance of a General Obligation Interim Warrant for Special Improvement District No.1502 (Grand Montecito Parkway) not to exceed \$6,000,000 - Ward 6 (Mack)

Fiscal Impact☐**No Impact****Amount:** \$6,285,000☒**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:** Public Works - S.I.D.☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:** Special Assessments**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

This ordinance authorizes and directs the issuance of a general obligation interim warrant for the payment of the costs and expenses within Special Improvement District No.1502 (Grand Montecito Parkway). Grand Montecito Parkway is part of the Town Center loop road system. The project will include installation of full-width pavement, median islands, storm drain facilities, curb and gutter, streetlights, commercial driveways, fire hydrants, sewer mains and laterals, and water mains and laterals. This obligation is expected to be refinanced through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in or about March 2005. The Interim Warrant (as well as any later bond refinancings) is a general obligation of the City, though property assessments are expected to provide the funding necessary for all debt service requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-88

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-88 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. **COUNCILMAN WEEKLY** concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED indicated that the bill is in order.

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Finance and Business Services
Item 7 – Bill No. 2003-88

MINUTES – Continued:

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 3, 2003**

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:****NEW BILL:**

Bill No. 2003-90 – Amends Ordinance No. 5616, pertaining to drought conservation measures, to adjust the exemption provisions relating to the prohibition of fountains and water features.
Proposed by: Douglas Selby, City Manager

Fiscal Impact☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:**☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

This bill would adjust the recently-adopted drought conservation ordinance to establish, instead of merely authorize, exemptions for certain water features. Among them: swimming pools, small water features in residential developments, recreational water features, and pre-existing features necessary to sustain aquatic animals. The bill would also 1) establish a process for resort hotels or coalitions thereof to obtain an exemption for certain water features based upon a request for exemption and the submittal of a water use reduction plan, and 2) provide for the limited operation of water features otherwise prohibited during drought conditions in order to maintain their integrity and functionality.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing, and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-90

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-90 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. **COUNCILMAN WEEKLY** concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

MATT PINJUV, Planning and Development, indicated that the purpose of this bill is to change some of the language that was in the drought code adopted in July 2003. Most notably, it clarifies language with regard to what businesses can ask for exceptions to allow the continued operation of fountains. It adds an exemption for resort hotels to continue to allow the fountains to operate, along with some other minor verbiage changes.

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City Attorney

Item 8 – Bill No. 2003-90

MINUTES – Continued:

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

(4:26 – 4:27)

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AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 3, 2003**

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**☐**CONSENT**☒**DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-91 – Increases sewer connection and user service fees by forty percent over two years and institutes a new five percent assessment on sewer users for the City's use, improvement and maintenance of its rights-of-way utilized to provide sewer services. Proposed by Mark Vincent, Director of Finance and Business Services

Fiscal Impact☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:**☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

During the last ten years, without increasing sewer rates, the City has performed more than \$170,000,000.00 in capital improvements to increase capacity, comply with new regulatory standards and improve operational efficiency. Due to these expenditures the remaining reserve funds will be depleted by the end of the fiscal year 2005. Rate studies indicate that a 40% increase over the next two years, coupled with annual Consumer Price Index adjustments thereafter will be sufficient to regain a reserve balance for future needs. Additionally, due to the sewer systems use of City rights-of-way, a 5% assessment in lieu of franchise fees is being recommended. This bill addresses both of these issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing, and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-91

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF recommended Bill 2003-91 be forwarded to the Full Council as a First Amendment with a "Do Pass" recommendation. **COUNCILMAN WEEKLY** concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

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City Attorney

Item 9 – Bill No. 2003-91

MINUTES – Continued:

MARK VINCENT, Director, Finance and Business Services, reported that several weeks ago he and various other department directors made a presentation to the Council on the need for sewer rate increases. At that time, he spoke about maximum daily nutrient load limit that is driving the need for technology. Treatment levels at the plant are in the top ten percent in the nation, as they are for all the plants in the Valley. There has not been a sewer rate increase for ten years. During that time, \$170 million were spent in plant improvements, and another \$300 million are scheduled to be spent over the next ten years in additional plant improvements.

MR. VINCENT then reviewed some of the proposals included in this bill. The annual sewer and connection fees will increase by 20% over the next two years, which is based upon the current rate that is about half of what the Southwest cities are charging. A hardship provision is included in the bill. It allows the director of Finance to prepare a hardship program for people that cannot afford the increases. The quarterly payment fee is being eliminated. Large commercial businesses will be able to petition to be put on a water base if they pay for the installation of a sewer meter. Occupants will be required to pay the annual charge rate whether they occupy their residence part-time or on a continuous uninterrupted basis. He recommended a first amendment to change the effective dates from December 1, 2003, to January 1, 2004, and went over all the dates throughout the document that would be affected by this amendment.

MR. VINCENT noted that letters regarding the increases were sent to industry and taxpayer groups. He spoke with CAROL VALARDA with the Nevada Taxpayers Association, who was present, as well as representatives of the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY indicated that rate increases for services are always a sore subject. But the City has to do whatever necessary to keep up with growth. On the other hand, the City should not have waited so long to increase the fees because now the huge increase is going to be a burden on the constituents. MR. VINCENT pointed out that one of the provisions is to allow annual adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY requested the information regarding hardships be put in simple written form so that he can make it available to his constituents at his neighborhood meetings. MR. VINCENT indicated that he would be happy to do that, and to attend any neighborhood meetings if necessary.

MS. VALARDA appreciated the City's current predicament. Fortunately, the City is experiencing good growth. However, the City should have done more bonding to pay for improvements rather than paying for them as needed. She is greatly concerned about any rate increases, given the recently approved legislative tax increases. Although the economic reports

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MINUTES – Continued:

have been good, calls to her office still do not indicate that. Nevada is doing better than other states, but it still has not seen a sustained period of increased revenue growth, which still shows that there is no confidence in the economy.

She continued and suggested the five percent assessment be removed for the next couple years, as she assumes that it has not been included in this year's fiscal-year budget. However, if the assessment is included, an explanation of its purpose should be included on the sewer statements, so that the taxpayers are well informed as to where that money is being spent. She also requested that the word "may" be replaced with the word "shall" in Paragraph (B), Line 1 of Page 5. Moreover, she is concerned about automatic CPI increases without justification; especially because CPI increases in this Valley have been double digit. Therefore, she recommended a rolling cap to make it more consistent.

With regard to the assessment, MR. VINCENT responded that it was included in this budget. He agreed with a CPI cap, as well as with the recommended verbiage change in Paragraph (B) of Page 5. These changes could also be included in the First Amendment.

COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF concurred that the City should have raised the rates over the past ten years instead of waiting, because it is a big impact on the constituents. But it is necessary in order to keep up with the growth. She is pleased that the bill includes the creation of a hardship program, as well as the elimination of the \$3 fee for quarterly payments.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

(4:27 – 4:46)

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: ITEMS RAISED UNDER THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA CANNOT BE DELIBERATED OR ACTED UPON UNTIL THE NOTICE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW HAVE BEEN MET. IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON A MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. IN CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS, AVOID REPETITION, AND LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MINUTES. TO ENSURE ALL PERSONS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, EACH SUBJECT MATTER WILL BE LIMITED TO TEN (10) MINUTES.

MINUTES:

None.

(4:46)
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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: _____
GABRIELA S. PORTILLO-BRENNER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
November 21, 2003